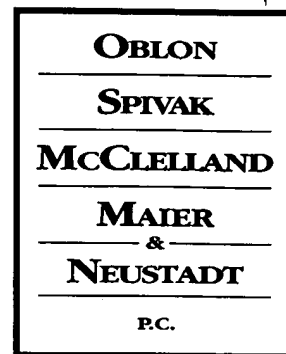




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/073,900
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Examiner: SANGHAVI, HEMANG

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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In response to the Official Action mailed February 27, 2004, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-12, for further examination on the merits in the present application, wherein Claims 1-12 are drawn to a low attenuation optical fiber, classified in class 385, subclass 123.

Therefore, examination on the merits of Claims 1-12 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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